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ZIMBABWE: 10 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

FOREWORD

We are pleased to present this double issue on Zimbabwe, which is a joint production of Afrika Brug and the Belgium - Zimbabwe Friendship Association.

The aim of the Belgium - Zimbabwe Friendship Association is to stimulate cooperation and partnership between Belgium and Zimbabwe through, for example, the compilation and dissemination of information. Next on the agenda is the organisation of an exhibition on contemporary Zimbabwean art, to take place in Ghent in the St. Peter's Abbey, between 06/12/90 and 06/01/91.

This special publication on Zimbabwe reports on a seminar organised by the association in Brussels on 23 April, 1990. A few days earlier, on 18 April, 1990, Zimbabwe celebrated 10 years of independent development; a unique opportunity for reflection on the achievements to date in agriculture and industry. Leading researchers from Zimbabwe, Belgium, Great Britain and the Netherlands were invited to participate. Their reflections are of interest not only in relation to Zimbabwe's prospects and the role Belgium can play in its further development, but will also be relevant for South Africa and the entire Southern African region.

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